

## Pancreatitis

### The Raw Solution

If your dog has ever suffered from a pancreatic attack you can understand the stress and worry that this condition can cause. A dog experiencing a pancreatic attack will likely exhibit the following symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy and pain. Pancreatic disease is a degenerative condition, and initial symptoms are not always recognized until the dog experiences an acute attack. A pancreatic attack happens when the pancreas releases excessive amounts of digestive enzymes. The release of enzymes is so high that the enzymes actually begin to digest the pancreas itself, causing excessive pain and inflammation resulting in vomiting and diarrhea.

Pancreatitis is a very serious health concern as the pancreas has two very important functions in the digestive system.

1. It secretes insulin which is important to regulating and balancing your pet's blood sugar levels
2. It produces and secretes digestive enzymes – amylase, lipase, and protease

**Feeding a diet that is void of all digestive enzymes and high in carbohydrates and preservatives is the largest contributing factor to this disease.**

Most commercial pet food is void of live enzymes as the heat used during cooking and the preservatives added to the food render the food void of all natural enzymes. This requires your pet's pancreas to make an unnatural abundance of the digestive enzymes necessary to digest food. The cumulative effect of a poor diet, plus factors such as genetics and environment are all contributing factors to what causes the pancreatic attack.

Pancreatic attacks may also occur when a dog has recently transitioned to a raw diet. This is a degenerative condition, however the transitional effects of a diet change can contribute to a pancreatic attack. The change in enzymes necessary for meat protein vs high carbohydrates can create an imbalance and lead to a pancreatic attack. For this reason we HIGHLY recommend dogs transition to the raw diet with a Probiotic and Digestive Enzyme supplement.

**The solution and insurance to preventing a pancreatic attack is to offer a diet rich in naturally occurring digestive enzymes, including highly digestible animal proteins and low in carbohydrates.**



## Supplementing with Raw Beef Pancreas

For dogs with an already damaged or diseased pancreas, offering raw beef pancreas as a regular supplement to the raw food diet is essential to preventing future attacks. Historically, dogs ate the entire digestive tract of their prey including the pancreas, which contains an abundance of naturally occurring digestive enzymes, including amylase, lipase and protease.

The recommended dosage and usage is to add raw beef pancreas daily for a period of 2–4 weeks following an attack then add it on a regular basis (3-5 meals per week) going forward. Your recommended portion is 1 oz per every 25 lbs of body weight. Simply portion the raw beef pancreas into the raw meal, stir, and serve.

## Dietary and Lifestyle Modifications

Dogs with pancreatitis also benefit from a modified raw food diet that will help manage this condition better.

Recommendations include the following:

- Choose raw meals with less than 12% fat
  - Chicken, Turkey, Duck, Kangaroo, Rabbit, Fish Dinner, Breeder Blend, Country Blend, Game Bird Blend
- Avoid higher fat proteins and red meats
  - Beef, Lamb, Pork, Pure Salmon, Turkey Salmon Lamb
- Include a digestive enzyme or probiotic with all raw meals
  - Omega Alpha Probiotic 8 Plus
  - Best in Show – Digestive Enzymes
- Feed your pet regularly, a minimum of 2x per day
- Exercise your dog regularly



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